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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Ronald JOHAN, Grant James UNDERWOOD,  
Phillip Donald LEECE  
VERSATILE NETWORK TERMINATION UNIT AND LINE INTERFACE  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q67587

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising cover sheet plus 13 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheet(s) of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE  
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	16	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	5	-	3	=	2	x	\$84.00	=	\$168.00
Base Fee									\$740.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$908.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$948.00</b>

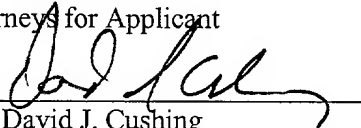
Please charge our Deposit Account 19-4880 for the statutory filing fee of \$908.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Australia	72053/00	December 6, 2000

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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